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SUBJECT: GOMR OFFICIALS VISIT NASA STATION

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1. SECGEN MINTERR DEV EDSON RAHALISON, DIRECTOR OF P&T ELOI RAPIERA, DIRECTOR OF STUDIES MOFA PAUL RAKOTONDRAMASY, PLUS TWO P&T TECHNICIANS VISITED NASA STATION FROM 09:30-12:00 NOV 18. CHARGE ALSO ATTENDED.

2. BRIEFING BY DEP STADIR EMPHASIZED ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM PLUS GENERAL COVERAGE OF OPERATIONS. SLIDES DEPICTING ORGANIZATION ALSO SHOWED NAMES OF MALAGASY AND U.S. EMPLOYEES. BRIEFING FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF FACILITIES.

3. QUESTIONS RAISED REFLECTED FOLLOWING GOMR CONCERNS FOR WHICH THEY SOUGHT ASSURANCES:

(A) THAT APPLICATIONS OF DATA WERE NON-MILITARY;

(B) THAT DATA PASSED WITHOUT EVALUATION COULD BE AT LEAST IDENTIFIED AS TO WHAT KIND OF DATA IT WAS;

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(C) THAT NASA'S MALAGASIZATION PROGRAM IS BOTH SINCERE
AND FEASIBLE;

(D) THAT DATA OF USE TO GOMR WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IT.
QUESTIONS WERE HANDLED WELL BY DEP STADIR AND GOMR
OFFICIALS APPEARED TO BE GENERALLY SATISFIED. CHARGE
ANTICIPATES MORE QUESTIONS IN FUTURE ON POSSIBLE MILITARY
APPLICATIONS OF DATA, HOWEVER.

4. GOMR OFFICIALS APPEARED TO BE IMPRESSED BY LARGE NUMBER
OF MALAGASY EMPLOYEES ON JOB DURING TOUR -- SEEING IS
BELIEVING -- AND BY FACT THAT MALAGASY EMPLOYEES EXPLAINED
THEIR FUNCTIONS THEMSELVES. THEY WERE APPARENTLY
SURPRISED BY OPENNESS OF STATION, I.E., NO FENCES OR
SECURITY GUARDS IN EVIDENCE, AND NOTED PRESENCE OF OVER 100
STUDENTS VISITING STATION AND PEASANTS WALKING THROUGH ITS
GROUNDS EN ROUTE TO LOCAL MARKET.

5. BEYOND PRECEDING, NOT MUCH SAID BY GOMR OFFICIALS TO
INDICATE THEIR REACTIONS. IN LATER DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF,
DIRECTOR P&T SAID THAT GOMR DRAFT COOPERATING AGENCY
AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY NEED SOME MORE WORK -- IN APPARENT
RECOGNITION OF STATION COMPLEXITIES AND POOR QUALITY OF
DRAFT.
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